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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Ex Parte, Revisions to Reporting Requirements Governing Hearing Aid
Compatible Mobile Handsets, WT Docket No. 17-228**

Dear Ms. Dortch,

The Deaf/Hard of Hearing Technology Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center, Gallaudet University (DHH-RERC) respectfully submits this ex parte letter in support the Consensus Proposal filed by Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA), CTIA, CCA and TIA in the above referenced docket on October 19, 2018.

The Consensus Proposal proposes revisions to the Federal Communications Commission Form 655 requirements on mobile wireless service providers for obligations to certify compliance with the Hearing Aid Compatibility (HAC) rules and enhance consumer information through their websites about HAC-rated wireless handset offerings. The Consensus Proposal reflects those areas where the signatories agreed on the proposed revisions. HLAA and DHH-RERC also filed in the same docket on the same day further proposed revisions addressing the same issue.

DHH-RERC affirms our support for the Consensus Proposal and values the collaborative work that has taken place among all stakeholders on HAC-related topics.

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